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Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the 12 critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action

Further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action

Addendum

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 114 (a), 116 (a), 117 (a) *bis*, 117 (b), subparagraphs (c), (h), (i) and (k) of paragraph 118, paragraph 120 (e) and subparagraphs (a), (d), (e) and (g) of paragraph 121 of part IV of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session, on actions and initiatives to overcome obstacles and to achieve the full and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part IV)), at its _____meeting, on _____ June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) In paragraph 114 (a), the words "that build" were replaced by the words "which build", the brackets were removed and the boldface type was changed to lightface;

(b) Paragraph 116 (a) was revised to read as follows:

"Develop and use frameworks, guidelines and other practical tools and indicators to accelerate gender mainstreaming, including gender-based research, analytical tools and methodologies, training, case studies, statistics and information;"

(c) In paragraph 117 (a) *bis*, the words "or measurable goals" were inserted after the word "quotas" and the boldface type was changed to lightface;

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(d) Paragraph 117 (b) was deleted;

(e) Paragraph 118 (c) was revised to read:

"Take action to increase women's participation and to bring about a balanced representation of women and men in all sectors and occupations in the labour market, among others by encouraging the creation or expansion of institutional networks to support the career development and promotion of women;"

(f) Paragraph 118 (h) was deleted;

(g) Paragraph 118 (i) was revised to read as follows:

"Encourage and support the education of girls in science, mathematics, new technologies including information technologies, and technical subjects and encourage women, including through career advising, to seek employment in high-growth and high-wage sectors and jobs;"

(h) Paragraph 118 (k) was revised to read as follows:

"Analyse and respond, as necessary, to the major reasons why men and women may be affected differently by the process of job creation and retrenchment associated with economic transition and structural transformation of the economy, including globalization;"

(i) In paragraph 120 (e), the word "establish" was deleted before the words "build up", the brackets and underlining were removed and the boldface type was changed to lightface;

(j) Paragraph 121 (a) was revised to read as follows:

"Continue to implement and evaluate and follow up the mandated work of the United Nations agencies, drawing on the full range of expertise available within the United Nations system, as well as agreed conclusions of the Economic and Social Council and other programmes and initiatives to mainstream a gender perspective into all policies, programmes and planning of the United Nations system, including through the integrated and coordinated follow-up to all major United Nations conferences and summits, as well as to ensure the allocation of sufficient resources and maintenance of gender units and focal points to achieve this end;"

(k) Paragraph 121 (d) was deleted;

(l) Paragraph 121 (e) was revised to read as follows:

"Support the Commission on the Status of Women, within its mandate, in assessing and advancing the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and its follow-up;"

(m) Paragraph 121 (g) was revised to read as follows:

"Assist States Parties, upon their request, in building capacity to implement the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and in this regard encourages States Parties to pay attention to the concluding comments as well as the general recommendations of the Committee".